

## REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed claims 1, 6, 7, 10-13, 15-17, 19, 20 and 58. The Examiner has rejected claims 21-29, 31-39, 45-50, 59 and 60. Applicant is canceling claims 21-29, 31-39, 45-50, 59 and 60 without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result, claims 1, 6, 7, 10-13, 15-17, 19, 20 and 58 are pending for examination, with claim 1, 21, 31, 58, 59, 60, being an independent claim. Claims 19 and 58 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors.

## CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above Application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that pending claims 1, 6, 7, 10-13, 15-17, 19, 20 and 58 be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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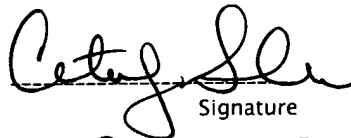
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